



Mayor's Message

October 2016

The Rumson Historic Preservation Commission

Dear Residents,

In 2015 we launched the Rumson Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Website and to date have received over 19,000 hits! During 2016 the Commission has been working on enhancements to the site, in addition to updating the property inventory. Our original 2015 inventory consisted of 257 properties. Homes built in 1917 will be added and two of the original inventory razed for new construction will be removed. New inventory total is 263 properties. Updates and enhancements to the website are currently in process and will be completed before year's end.

I am proud to announce that the Commission is implementing a new Awards Program to recognize those in our community that embody the spirit of Historic Preservation, one of the Commission's goals and an important component of preserving Rumson history.

The HPC Awards Program:

The Rumson Historic Preservation Commission and the Borough of Rumson wish to recognize the efforts of those involved in preserving our unique architectural resources. Historic structures contribute to the identity of our community, and sensitive treatment of these resources ensure future residents and visitors will experience the same community character. Each year the Rumson Historic Preservation Commission may honor a project(s) and/or individual(s) for their contribution to the preservation of our historic resources.

There are five Categories of Eligibility:

- **Restoration / Rehabilitation** - Older structures where major original features have been carefully preserved or replicated for original use.
- **Stewardship** - Effective ongoing maintenance and care of properties of historic and/or architectural significance.
- **Sympathetic / Sensitive Addition** - Construction of an addition to an existing structure that is consistent with the original architectural style of the structure.
- **Compatible New Construction** - Any new structure that is consistent with the original architectural style of the neighborhood or that utilizes historic materials and techniques.
- **Preservation Champion** - Celebrating an individual dedicated to preserving Rumson's heritage.

To learn more about the Program go to the HPC website and click on the Awards Program button on the left side of the website's home page.

Nominations from residents (including self-nominations) are welcome. If you know of a project or a special person who should be considered for an award, please complete the Rumson Historic Preservation Awards Program Nomination Form found on the HPC website.

Nominations must be received by March 31, 2017. The 2017 awards will be presented at a Borough Council meeting in May in coordination with National Historic Preservation Month.

The HPC Website

Since the 2015 launch of the HPC website, the Commission has been actively interacting with residents, providing information and assistance and in some instances receiving valuable property information for the website inventory. Residents have contacted the Commission through our email address HPC@rumsonnj.gov to provide access to their historic homes and gardens, which resulted in tours being scheduled and the sharing of historical information on their properties.

Website enhancements include, the Award Program criteria and Nomination Form, additions to the property inventory, expanded Reference and Glossary sections and a new "Gone But Not Forgotten" section. The Reference Section has been updated to include links to the Monmouth County Historical Commission, the Monmouth County Historical Association, and the Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

Included on the website is a link to a documentary of both Sandy Hook and the Highland Beach owned and operated by the Sandlass family. There is also an excerpt from the Book of the Dead of Monmouth Compiled by George Castor Martin in 1915-1916 which contains a list of those buried in the Old Rumson Road Cemetery. We are fortunate to have a copy of the 1665 land deed from the Lenni Lenape Indians to the original Rumson settlers.

Our Glossary of Architectural Styles contains the descriptions of sixteen styles that can be seen in existing Borough properties and represented in the inventory. Inventory photographs have replaced the original style examples.

A new section has been added "Gone But Not Forgotten". In this sections we have chosen a sampling of properties that were once in Rumson but sadly no longer exist today. Much of the information and photographs have been reproduced from earlier Rumson Bulletin Newsletters that we are fortunate to have archived on our Borough website.

Lastly, we have included in a new "Article" section, which contains reprints of two interesting articles that may not have



19th Century Parmly family vault located in the Old Rumson Road Cemetery

been seen by all residents. We will continue to upload news articles to this section periodically throughout the year.

The Rumson Historic Preservation Commission is made up of the following Rumson residents: Charley Shay, Chairman; Tom Clark, Vice Chair & Planning Board Liaison; Laura Atwell, Council Liaison; Jim Fitzmaurice; Ross Millhiser; Steve Peterson and Laura Gill Tooker.

Anyone who wishes to access last year’s HPC bulletin can go to the Borough website, Bulletins <http://www.rumsonnj.gov/bulletin.htm> and click on Rumson Update October 2015 to read more about the Historic Preservation Commission and the HPC website, or access the site at: <http://www.rumsonnj.gov/rhpc>.

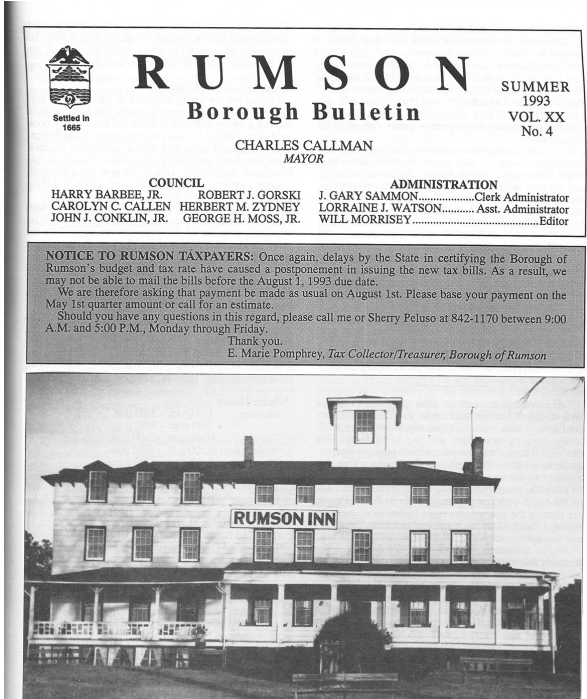


Photo (circa 1950 of the old “Rumson Inn” on the site of the original Port Washington Pavilion - currently the site of the Salt Creek Grille



19th Century McMonagle family vault located in the Old Rumson Road Cemetery

Did you know...

- Did you know that the elegant gates that span the corner of Auldwood Lane and Bellevue Avenue were a part of the Auldwood Estate, the home of the Hoagland family. Joseph Hoagland was known as “the baking powder king,” and he commuted on his motor yacht each day to New York City.
- Did you know that the name Rumson is derived from the Lenni Lenape Indian name for this area. The Monmouth Patent, sale document from 1665, refers to this area as Narrumsum. The signs at Rumson’s borders give the date of 1665 as the date of the town’s settlement, but the Borough of Rumson was not officially incorporated until 1907. Before 1907, Rumson was a section of Shrewsbury Township.



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